

Bates hat-trick as Wycombe stroll to County semi-final

Sports Mail Special Report

HAZELL'S 0 : WYCOMBE WAND 7

WYCOMBE Wanderers, fielding next week's probable Amateur Cup side, strolled to an easy 7-0 victory over Hazell's in the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup quarter-final at Aylesbury today.

Hazell's: Uff; Weedon, Harding; McCauley, Discombe, Craker; Howard, Hardy, Tapping, Elliott, Power.

Wycombe Wanderers: Brown; Beck, Lewis; Thomas, Fisher, Gale; Worley, Blair, James, Bates, Horseman.
Referee: P C Best (Bletchley)

In the first minute Horseman put JAMES through to score the first of Wycombe Wanderers' three first-half goals.

Hazell's countered strongly, but Tapping shot wide. Brown saved brilliantly from a dropping centre by Elliott, and another shot was scrambled away.

After 16 minutes Horseman and James combined beautifully for BATES to score Wycombe's second with a vicious drive.

Hazell's came back and Elliott put a shot into Brown's hands and Howard had one plucked from under the bar.

But Wycombe always looked the more dangerous in front of goal. Worley made a fine dribble down the wing and Horseman, who was popping up everywhere, knocked his centre out of the keeper's hands but the ball was scrambled away.

Power, Hazell's fast left winger, was their most dangerous forward, but his efforts were usually wasted by his team mates.

A Horseman shot was brilliantly saved by Uff and a James header just cleared the bar. But a minute before half-time JAMES increased the lead with a fine header.

Half time: Hazell's 0: Wycombe Wan. 3.

Five minutes after half-time a shot by Gale, following a corner, was headed in by BATES for Wycombe's fourth goal. Hazell's, still playing with plenty of spirit, fought back and won two corners. But they were easily cleared.

FLOWING FOOTBALL

Gradually, Wycombe started controlling the game with their sweet flowing movements. Horseman headed the ball out of the keeper's hands and BLAIR was on the spot to score.

After James had barged over goalkeeper Uff, the ball went downfield to Power but his shot was saved by Brown.

Play slowed down a lot, with Wycombe playing at the speed they chose.

Three minutes from time James intercepted a back pass and gave BATES a chance to score his third.

Two minutes later, Bates squared back the ball from the sideline for HORSEMAN to score Wycombe's seventh.

RESULT:

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BATES TAKES IT EASY, SCORES 3

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WYCOMBE WANDERERS had plenty of shooting practice in preparation for their F.A. Amateur Cup tie at Wimbledon next week as they strolled to an easy victory over the Aylesbury side in this Berks and Bucks Senior Cup quarter-final.

After centre-forward James had snapped up an early chance, goals flowed freely from all the forwards except skipper and right winger Worley.

Paul Bates, although not exerting himself, scored three fine goals. But the star of the Wycombe forward line was young left-winger Tony Horseman, who had a hand in four of the goals. Centre-forward James also played well.

Wycombe's goals, three in the first half and four in the second, were scored by Paul Bates (3), James (2), Tony Horseman, and George Blair.